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Filed: August 10, 2001	)	Examiner: D. Nolan
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For: PRODUCING SYNTHESIZED SOUND	)	<b>Mail Stop RCE</b>
FROM CHARACTER INFORMATION	)	
BASED UPON TAG RECOGNITION	)	

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 15, 2004 (Paper No. 041022), the period for response to which extends through February 15, 2005, and currently filed herein with a Request for Continued Examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: